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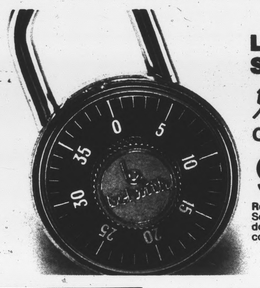

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Schools open on August 30

Appomattox County Public Schools will open on August 30 for the 1982-83 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

Student Fees

All schools will be open on August 26 and 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at which time parents are invited to the schools to pay fees. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Appomattox County High School: Accident insurance, $4.50; S.C.A., $1.00; class fees, grades 9-12, $1.00; art, $1.50; band instrument rental, $10.00; band supply, $4.00; clerical and stenography supplies, $7.00; distributive education, $7.50; drafting, $5.00; English workbook, grade 9, $4.25; gym suits, boys, top $4.00, bottom $4.00; girls, $8.00; locks, $3.25; home economics, $7.00; library and supply fee, $1.50; masonry, $5.00; power mechanics, $5.00; physical education, supplies, $2.00; towel service, $3.50; typing supplies, $5.00; vo-ag, $6.00; textbook rental, $4.50 per subject; accounting working papers, $9.50; physics workbook, $8, chemistry workbook, $6.25, compuler fee, $20.

Primary and Elementary Schools: Accident insurance, $4.50; instructional fees, $5.00; weekly reader (K-6), $2.00; textbook rental, $14.00 K-2 and $15.00 for grades 3-6.

Appomattox Middle School; Accident insurance, $4.50; F.F.A., grade 7, $4.00; grade 8, $5.00; F.H.A., $5.00; towel service, $3.50; band supply, $4.00; physical education uniforms, boys $8.00, girls $8.00; textbook rental, $15.00; materials fee, $5.00; art, grade 8, $3.00, grade 7, $1.50.

Opening Day Procedures

Mr. Donald Armentrout, Appomattox County High School Principal, requests students to check the local paper for homeroom assignments. On August 30, students shall report to the cafeteria where student guides will give directions to homerooms. Those students who do not know their homeroom assignment will receive this information in the cafeteria. Once students have reported to assigned homerooms, teachers will provide student schedules. Students who drive to school are asked to park on the north parking lot.

According to Mrs. Hezteine Foster, Appomattox Middle School Principal, students will go to the cafeteria upon arrival at school. The SCA will provide guides to help students locate the cafeteria and homerooms. Homeroom rolls will be posted on classroom doors. Students will receive their class schedules from their homeroom teachers.

The SCA will provide guided tours of the school building to all seventh graders on Thursday, August 26 and Friday, August 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On these days all students are urged to pay their fees and pick up their class schedules and homeroom assignments.

The principal of Appomattox Elementary School, Mr. Tom Bowmann, has arranged for students, upon arrival at the elementary school, to be greeted by teachers, parent volunteers, and student guides. These persons will place a name tag on each third grade student with the number of the student's bus. They will also direct each student to his respective homeroom. Class rolls will be posted on the doors of homeroom teachers.

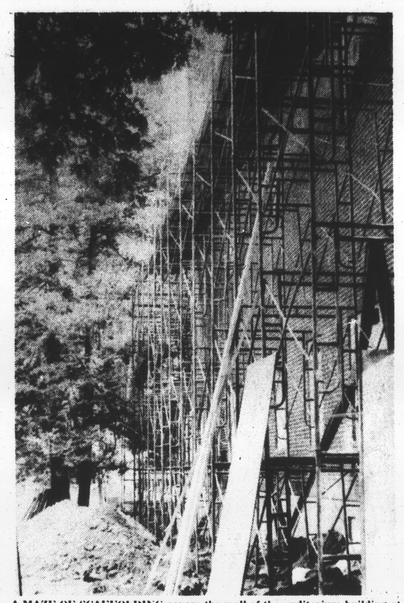
Mrs. Patricia Torrence, Appomattox Primary School Principal, states that teacher aides and parent volunteers will meet students as they arrive on buses, pin the bus number on each student, and direct students to their respective classrooms. Parents are requested to pin the name on the dress or shirt of each student to help with identification.

OTHER INFORMATION

Parents are requested to send their children to school on the bus the first day, especially primary and elementary pupils. This will enable teachers to direct pupils to the correct bus in the afternoon for the return trip home.

Parents who have moved into the county during the summer who have children who will attend school this fall should go to the appropriate school or schools to register. The schools in the county and telephone numbers are: Appomattox County High School (352-7146), Appomattox Middle School (352-8257), Appomattox Elementary School (352-7463), and Appomattox Primary School (352-5766).

All principals urge you to give them your cooperation regarding opening day procedures. The staffs are concerned about the safety and welfare of students as they make the trip to and from school each day, as well as the hours spent in school.



A MAZE OF SCAFFOLDING covers the wall of the auditorium building at Appomattox Middle School, as contractors work on renovations to the building. The renovated building will include two art class rooms, a special education classroom, locker areas for athletics, public restroom facilities, and areas for the chorus and band. The upper floor will feature room for storage and more class rooms if needed in the future. The band and chorus rooms should be complete shortly after school opens, and the rest of the $261,998 project will be completed later this fall. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Cable service starts Aug. 20

Appomattox residents will again have access to cable television as of Aug. 20, according to Vic Bosiger, director of Nesbe Cable Satellite Communications, Ltd.

Nesbe is the parent company of Appomattox Cable Television, Inc., the company formed after Nesbe's acquisition of the Appomattox cable television franchise earlier this year.

According to a Nesbe spokesman, "the whole system should be ready to go as of Aug. 20." Nesbe's contract with Home Box Office, a movie/special features channel which will be offered on the Appomattox system, starts Aug. 15.

Channels which will be carried on the Appomattox cable system include 29 (Charlottesville), 6 (Richmond), 8 (Richmond), 10 (Roanoke), 12 (Richmond), 11 (Durham), 7 (Roanoke, 13 (Lynchburg, 23 (Richmond), 17 (Atlanta), ESPN (entertainment-sports network), and HBO (Home Box Office).

Fees for the cable system will include a $10 installation fee for new subscribers, $7.25 monthly for the basic service, and an additional $10.50 monthly for Home Box Office. Persons who had the cable service under Arco, Inc., the former cable franchise holders, will not be required to pay the installation fee.

According to Peggy Butt, who is coordinating the Appomattox cablevision subscriptions, the cable system here is "about ready to go now," requiring only some fine tuning adjustments before it is put into service.

Nesbe workers recently installed a 16-foot satellite-reception dish which should provide a very good signal for the system's subscribers, according to Butt.

Nesbe is a subsidiary of Bahakel Communications, Inc., which has headquarters in Charlotte, N. C.

Bahakel is a communications firm which includes numerous television stations, radio stations, and communications systems across the United States.

Those wishing information regarding the Appomattox cablevision system may call 352-5030 or 384-7101.

A cable subscribers' coupon can be found inside this week's **Times-Virginian** on page 7.

Fannon meets with Reagan

Larry W. Fannon, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Appomattox, Virginia was among FFA members, advisors and teacher educators who met with President Reagan at the White House, Tuesday, July 27.

The special ceremonies at the White House Rose Garden were conducted in conjunction with the Future Farmers of America's (FFA's) National Supervised Occupational Experience (SOE) Workshop exhibit. Fannon attended last week.

The week-long workshop brought together vocational agriculture teachers and teacher educators to examine the role of SOE in high school agriculture programs across the country. SOE programs let young FFA members "learn by doing" by placing them in actual job situations in production agriculture and agribusiness. Students conduct their own individual programs and keep their own production and employment records. Such practical work experience lets them learn firsthand about careers in the agriculture industry.

While at the workshop, Fannon and the other workshop participants toured Sperry New Holland and Victor F. Weaver, Inc., and visited vocational agriculture departments in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They also attended the dedication for the new FFA National Hall of Achievement at the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

Railroad Festival progressing

Preparations are progressing for the tenth annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, to be held this year on October 9 and 10.

This year's festival will feature a variety of attractions, ranging from the Joe Sweeney Classic, a ten-kilometer footrace at 1 p.m. Oct. 9, to the fireworks display, scheduled for Saturday evening.

Tentative plans are for Deborah Adair, star of the daytime drama "The Young and the Restless," to serve as grand marshall for the festival-opening parade the morning of Oct. 9.

Persons interested in participating in this year's Railroad Festival may contact co-chairmen Becky Lawson and Jeannette Drinkard, or any one of the following committee heads: Helen Anderson, music (352-5468); Dickie Smith, Sweeney Classic (352-8717 after 5 p.m.); Pat Paulette, arts and crafts (352-7322 after 5 p.m.); Lois Williams, concessions (352-5228 after 5 p.m.); Dot Davidson, clowns (352-7178); Sue Waddell, recreation (352-8639); Bob Jamerson, Depot Journal (352-8443); and Elaine Bollinger, information and registration (352-8617).

Individuals or groups interested in registering for the parade may contact Dot Davidson at 352-7178, or Debbie Rush at 352-5385.

Further details about this year's Railroad Festival will be published in the **Times-Virginian** as they develop.

The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival steering committee will meet Wednesday (Aug. 11) at 7 p.m. in the town office.

All committee heads, and any interested citizens are urged to attend the meeting.

To study criminal sentencing laws

Kerr appointed to task force

Appomattox Commonwealth Attorney W. Sam Kerr has been appointed by Gov. Charles S. Robb to a 17-member task force which will study the sentencing laws and practices of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The task force will review the legal scenario in regards to laws and sentencing, and their impact on the prison population in the state.

In a press release regarding the task force, Robb noted that "We must be ever mindful of the public's concern about crime and our responsibility to protect our citizens from those who commit crime."

Robb continued, "We must also be alert to the growing burden our corrections system is placing and will continue to place on our taxpayers if alternatives are not considered."

According to George Stoddard, a spokesman at the Governor's office, the task force will review the state's sentencing laws and practices for approximately 15 months. "Depending on what the task force finds, their recommendations may translate into legislation," Stoddard noted.

Kerr, a graduate of T. C. Williams School of Law, has served as Commonwealth's Attorney in Appomattox since July 1972.

Town Council meeting postponed until Aug. 9

The regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, scheduled for August 9 at 7:30 p.m., has been postponed by a majority request of council members to August 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held as usual in the Appomattox Town Office on Linden Street.

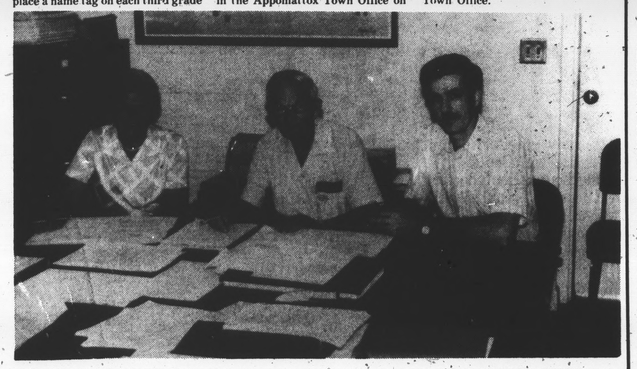
Citizens and interested persons having business with the Town Council are requested to attend the meeting August. 16.

For further information contact Town Manger Bill Britton at the Town Office.

School board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet Tuesday (Aug. 10) at 8 a.m. in the school board office on Main Street.

With the regular monthly reports, the board members will receive reports on the minimum competency program in the county, a report on the SRA tests administered during the 1981-82 session, a report on school renovation projects in the county, and a report on educational opportunities for seniors through Central Virginia Community College.



NEW OFFICERS FOR THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD were elected at the board's meeting last month. Horace Coleman (center) was elected chairman, and Louise Martin (right) was elected vice-chairman. They are shown with Tommy Drinkard, outgoing board chairman and current board member. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

Just in time for the Dog Days of August, I found in my basement a huge Mexican straw hat. Eighteen inches in diameter. As new condition. Think I bought it at the famous South of The Border establishment, Dillon, S. C. May wear it while gardening. Reminds me that one does not see many men wearing straw hats of the stiff brim style, or of the farm variety. In fact, many wear no hat. Period.

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Several Appomattox County students among recent grads at Virginia Tech. Bennett W. Paulette, B. S. in poultry science; William D. Perdue, B. S. in agricultural engineering; Maraetta F. Hodnett, B. S. in clothing textiles and related arts. Congratulations. Timely question -- any Appomattox County fellows playing college football this fall?

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Everybody's favorite, Kate Smith, was recently honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, marking a career of fifty years as singer and entertainer. Remember: "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain" and other hit songs she made famous. Tuesday of this week was Kate Smith Day in Raleigh, N. C.

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Gov. Robb has named a 17-member group to study the problem of criminal sentencing. Included on the task force was Appomattox Commonwealth Attorney W. Sam Kerr.

Tragic as is any highway death, be it noted that the 1982 Virginia highway fatality total is some ninety less than same date last year.

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Best wishes to those who will attend the Childers-Hamilton Family Reunion at the W.O.W. building here August 22.

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Thanks to the Dillwyn correspondent in The Farmville Herald. Said correspondent had a guest from Georgia who expressed a desire to visit some of Virginia's famous history sites. So, a full day was spent at Appomattox and the resulting account in detail of what's to see at Historic Appomattox was one of the best I have read, and so we salute Mrs. Rainey.

Counted twenty-four sunflowers in bloom in my garden. Form a rim around the border. Could not resist cutting one of the smaller blooms and it is sunny in my living room after three days.

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Had a most pleasant fifteen minute telephone chat with the Rev. Omar G. Burnette. We had many memories to share and I pray for God's blessing upon this Christian leader. He now resides in Middlesex County.

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Which reminds me of something I just found out as to the Bible. The first mention of having a blessing before meals may be found in 1st Samuel 9-13.

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Hurrah for Oakville. I like to hear the very mention of the name. The Canadian Open Golf Championship was played at Oakville last week. Alas, the Oakville was not in Appomattox County, but in Ontario, Canada. Oh well, maybe next time.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around Appomattox, A Growing Town.

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